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FROM:

Intelligence Community Affairs  
Office of General Counsel

SUBJECT:

DoJ/OSI Investigation of Klaus Barbie

1. We have received several requests from the Department of Justice, Office of Special Investigations, for us to search our records for any information, pertaining to any period of time, that relates to the following:

- A. A U.S. Army document indicated that a U.S. Army/430th CIC detachment conducted a channel known as "Rat line" during 1947-1951. The "Rat line" evacuated dropped informants from Germany and Austria through Italy to Central and South America.
- B. Neagoy, George. This individual may have been responsible for the "Rat line" operation as a special agent of the 430th CIC detachment.
- C. Father Krunoslav Dragonivich. This individual, a Croatian Roman Catholic priest, was allegedly operating in Rome, Italy in 1948-1950 and may have had connections with the 430th CIC detachment in Austria.

Please search your files for any and all information concerning the U.S. Army/430th CIC "Rat line", George Neagoy, and Father Krunoslav Dragonivich. We would like to request a response as soon as possible.

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2. In their investigation, DoJ/OSI has come across certain elements and operations concerning which they believe the Agency may have information or files. These are:

Operation RUSTY  
7821 Composite Group  
7707 European Command Intelligence Center (ECIC)  
Department of the Army Detachment (DAD)  
Kurt Merk (Merck)  
Col. W. R. Philp

Please search your records systems for information and/or files concerning the above-named elements and operations. DoJ/OSI requests that it be given access to all pertinent material in the Agency's custody on these matters.

3. DoJ/OSI also wants to examine certain records of Intelligence Division, EUCOM and the Office of Intelligence, HICOG for the years 1946-1951. Please search your records to determine if these files are now in the Agency's custody.

4. If you have any questions, please contact me on 5491 or 1104.

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